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Chapter 1 - The Invisible Government

p. 2 "The National Security Act of 1947," in the words of Allen W. Dulles, ". . . has given Intelligence a more influential position in our government than Intelligence enjoys in any other government in the world."

..... It has been accused by some knowledgeable congressmen and other influential citizens, including a former President, Harry S. Truman, of conducting a foreign policy of its own, and of meddling deeply in the affairs of other countries without presidential authority.

p. 3 ..... The agents maintain communications and codes of o their own. And the ambassador's authority has been judged by a committee of the United States Senate to be a "polite fiction".

At home, the intelligence men are directed by law to leave matters to the FBI. But the CIA maintains more than a score of offices in major cities throughout the United States, it is deeply involved in many domestic activities, from broadcasting stations and a steamship company to the university campus.